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WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND PAKISTAN
DATA REGARDING CATEGORY 320 (OTHER FABRIC) WITH SHAH AT
THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY HERE. HE HAS REQUESTED A LETTER
ON THIS MATTER AS WELL AS OUR RESPONSE TO A REQUEST HE
GAVE US FOR INCREASES IN OTHER CONSULTATION LEVELS. THIS
MORNING HE PICKED UP FROM US A LETTER WHICH READS AS
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FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT

I AM WRITING IN REFERENCE TO YOUR JULY 12, 1978 LETTER IN
WHICH YOU REQUEST INCREASES IN THREE CONSULTATION LEVELS
ESTABLISHED IN OUR BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

E HAVE NO DIFFICULTY GOING ALONG WITH A REQUEST FOR AN

INCREASE ON CATEGORY 315 (PRINTCLOTH) BUT IN EXAMINING YOUR PROPOSAL WE NOTICED THAT YOU HAVE SHIPPED VERY LITTLE IN THIS CATEGORY DURING THE FIRST PART OF 1978. ACCORDING TO OUR DATA, U.S. IMPORTS OF PRINTCLOTH FROM PAKISTAN FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, 1978 ONLY TOTALLED 2.6 MILLION SQUARE

YARDS EQUIVALENT (SYE). AT THIS RATE YOUR PRESENT DESIGNATED CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 26 MILLION SYE WOULD SEEM MORE THAN ADEQUATE. AT THE SAME TIME WE NOTED THAT PAKISTAN SHIPMENTS IN CATEGORY 320 (OTHER FABRICS) HAVE BEEN SO HEAVY THAT OUR DATA INDICATES THAT IMPORTS FROM JANUARY TO APRIL, 1978 TOTALLED 2.4 MILLION SYE OR MORE THAN TWICE THE MINIMUM CONSULTATION LEVEL. THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR DATA MAY BE DUE TO YOUR CLASSIFYING OTHER FABRIC AS PRINTCLOTH; WE ARE LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER TO SEE IF THIS IS INDEED THE CASE. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU SUBSTITUTE A REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN CATEGORY 320 FOR YOUR PRESENT REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN CATEGORY 315 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WOULD LET YOU KNOW IF AND WHEN YOUR EXPORTS TO US IN CATEGORY 315 BEGIN TO APPROACH THE DESIGNATED CONSULTATION LEVEL.

YOU ALSO REQUESTED INCREASES IN TWO MINIMUM CONSULTATION LEVELS FOR APPAREL CATEGORIES. WE WILL BE ABLE TO GRANT YOUR FULL REQUEST IN CATEGORY 336 (DRESSES) WHICH WOULD INCREASE THAT MINIMUM CONSULTATION LEVEL TO 1.4 MILLION UNCLASSIFIED

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SYE. WE WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT CATEGORY 340 (WOVEN SHIRTS) IS QUITE SENSITIVE FOR US AND WE ARE THEREFORE PROPOSING THAT THAT MINIMUM CONSULTATION LEVEL BE INCREASED TO 1.2 MILLION SYE RATHER THAN THE 1.4 MILLION SYE WHICH YOU REQUESTED. AS SOON AS YOU GET BACK TO ME REGARDING THE FABRIC INCREASE, I WILL FORWARD TO YOU A FORMAL PROPOSAL ON BOTH THE FABRIC AND APPAREL CATEGORIES. END TEXT. VANCE

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